



#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent No. 6,932,430

Appln. No. 10/792,309

Date of Issue: August 23, 2005

Filing Date: March 3, 2004

Title of Invention:

COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION

FOR SEATING UNIT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.324

This petition is to correct by Certificate of Correction the named inventors in US Patent No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT.

Please delete the following inventors:

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Robert J. Battey 6880 Bair Drive Middleville, MI 49333

Jeffrey A. Hall 461 Sligh NE Grand Rapids MI 49505 Jonathan B. Hadley 13338 Terri Lyn Holland, MI 49424

Gordon J. Peterson 4959 Brookstone Drive Rockford, Michigan 49341

The correctly named inventors shall now read:

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David A. Bodnar

Kurt R. Heidmann

Gary Lee Karsten

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### **CERTIFICATION OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that the following papers are being sent to the Patent and Trademark Office via first-class mail on the date shown below:

Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324 (2 pages)

Statements signed by inventors (9 pages)

Statement under 37 CFR 1.324(b)(3) (1 page)

Request for Certificate of Correction (2 pages)

April 4, 2006

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.324, this petition includes:

- (1) a statement from each of the three persons who are being deleted as inventors that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on his part;
- (2) a statement from the current named inventors either agreeing to the change of inventorship or stating that they have no disagreement in regard to the requested change;
- (3) a statement from all assignees of the parties submitting a statement under paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section agreeing to the change of inventorship in the patent, which statement must comply with the requirements of §3.73(b); and
- (4) the fee set forth in §1.20(b).

Please charge the statutory fee for correction of inventorship to our Deposit Account No. 16 2463.

Respectfully submitted

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## STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.324(b)(1)

"The inventorship error of failing to delete myself (Eric Johnson), Robert J. Battey, Jeffrey A. Hall, Jonathan B. Hadley, and Gordon J. Peterson as inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT occurred without any deceptive intention on the part of myself."

Eric Johnson

Date

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Robert J. Battey

Date 1/26/06

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"The inventorship error of failing to delete myself (Jeffrey A. Hall), Eric Johnson, Robert J. Battey, Jonathan B. Hadley, and Gordon J. Peterson as inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT occurred without any deceptive intention on the part of myself."

Hall

Date :

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Jonathan B. Hadley

Date 3 13 00

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"The inventorship error of failing to delete myself (Gordon J. Peterson), Eric Johnson, Robert J. Battey, Jonathan B. Hadley, and Jeffrey A. Hall as inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT occurred without any deceptive intention on the part of

myself."

Gordon J. Peterson

Date

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# STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.324(b)(2)

"As an inventor of US Patent No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT, I agree to the change of inventorship to delete Eric Johnson, Robert J. Battey, Jonathan B. Hadley, Gordon J. Peterson and Jeffrey A. Hall as inventors."

Adam C. Bedford

Date

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David A Bodnar

Date 3-16-06

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Kurt R. Heidmann

Date 3/13/06

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Gary Lee Karsten

Date 3-13-04

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## STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.324(b)(3)

I, Edward Ketterer, being the President of Steelcase Development Corporation, represent that I am authorized to sign on behalf of assignee Steelcase Development Corporation, having a place of business at 6100 East Paris, Caledonia, Michigan, which is at present a 100% joint owner in U.S. Patent Application No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT. The assignment to Steelcase Development Corporation is evidenced by the enclosed copy of the executed assignment submitted for recording and was recorded on March 3, 2004, Reel 015047, Frame 0652.

It is hereby agreed to delete the names of Eric Johnson, Robert J. Battey, Jonathan B. Hadley, Gordon J. Peterson, and Jeffrey A. Hall as co-inventors of US Patent Application No. 6,932,430, issued August 23, 2005, entitled COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION FOR SEATING UNIT. This leaves Adam C. Bedford, David A. Bodnar, Kurt R. Heidmann, and Gary Lee Karsten as co-inventors.

Edward Ketterer, President

Date March 16, 2006

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Attention: Certificate of Correction Branch Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

A request is being made for a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent which issued with the following error identified by page and line from the original patent.

Page 1, (75) Inventors:

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Enclosed is the Certificate of Correction Form PTO 1050 identifying errors by column and line from the patent which are chargeable to the Applicants. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

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# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,932,430

DATED : August 23, 2005

INVENTOR(S): Adam C. Bedford et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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should be -- Adam C. Bedford, Rockford, MI (US); David A. Bodnar, Ada, MI (US); Kurt R. Heidmann, Grand Rapids, MI (US); Gary Lee Karsen, Wyoming, MI (US)--.

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